

## 1997 Tropical Cyclone Fatalities

There was only one hurricane/tropical storm fatality in 1997, compared to 37 in 1996. The 30-year average is 24. This year was particularly quiet for hurricanes/tropical storms with only seven named storms (average is nine). Of the seven named storms, three became hurricanes (average is six) and only Hurricane Erin became an intense hurricane (Category 3-5). Erin's pressure dropped to 946 millibars and reached wind speeds of 110 mph (Category 3). Hurricane Danny caused the only death as it approached the Alabama/Mississippi coast. A man evacuating his sailboat was swept overboard by a wind gust. Hurricanes accounted for \$667.6 million in damage in 1997 compared to \$1.44 billion in 1996.

### 1997 TROPICAL CYCLONE FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

| <u>STATE</u>   | <u>BO</u> | <u>BU</u> | <u>IW</u> | <u>LS</u> | <u>MH</u> | <u>OT</u> | <u>OU</u> | <u>PH</u> | <u>SC</u> | <u>VE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| AL             | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1            |
| <b>PERCENT</b> | 0         | 0         | 100       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 100          |

### 1997 TROPICAL CYCLONE FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

|                | <u>FEMALE</u> | <u>MALE</u> | <u>UNKNOWN</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>PERCENT</u> |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 0 TO 9         | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| 10 TO 19       | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| 20 TO 29       | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| 30 TO 39       | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| 40 TO 49       | 0             | 1           | 0              | 1            | 100            |
| 50 TO 59       | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| 60 TO 69       | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| 70 TO 79       | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| 80 TO 89       | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| 90 TO --       | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| UNKNOWN        | 0             | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0              |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | 0             | 1           | 0              | 1            | 100            |
| <b>PERCENT</b> | 0             | 100         | 0              | 100          |                |

#### LEGEND

**BO** - Boat  
**BU** - Business  
**IW** - In Water  
**LS** - Long-Span Roog  
**MH** - Mobile Home  
**OT** - Other/Unknown  
**OU** - Outside Open  
**PH** - Permanent Home  
**SC** - School  
**VE** - Vehicle